

missions. It is a day none of us will ever forget.

Our response to the attacks of September 11, 2001 will define the meaning of that terrible day, and it will define us as a country. While we remain focused on preserving America's security, we must be equally resolute in our commitment to protect the values and character that define America.

The legacy of September 11, 2001 will not be destruction, but instead a spirit of service that will strengthen our nation for generations to come. For this reason, the House of Representatives passed House Resolution 718, which calls on all Americans to observe September 11th as a National Day of Service and Remembrance in honor of those who were injured or lost their lives and in tribute to those who came to the aid of those in need. This resolution also challenges all Americans to continue to live with the same spirit of unity, service, and compassion that was exhibited following the attacks.

As we continue to mourn the victims of that awful tragedy eight years ago, I encourage all Americans to volunteer to serve their communities today and throughout the year.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRY ANTI-TRUST ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2009

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Health Insurance Industry Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009. Both the House and Senate today have introduced identical language to reduce insurance prices for consumers. I want to thank my friend Senator LEAHY for his leadership on the bill and for working with the House on this joint introduction.

I am joined in my efforts on the House side by the honorable Chairman of the Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy, Representative HANK JOHNSON of Georgia, and Representative DIANA DEGETTE of Colorado.

The purpose of this bill is to extend antitrust enforcement over health insurers and medical malpractice insurance issuers, which currently enjoy broad antitrust immunity under the McCarran-Ferguson Act. This immunity can serve as a shield for activities that might otherwise violate federal law.

This bill would specifically prohibit price fixing, bid rigging, and market allocation, pernicious practices that are detrimental to competition and result in higher prices for consumers.

The House Judiciary Committee held extensive hearings on the effects of the insurance industry's antitrust exemption throughout the 1980s and early 1990s. It became clear that policyholders and the economy in general would benefit from eliminating this exemption.

The bill I introduce today is intended to root out unlawful activity in an industry grown complacent by decades of protection from antitrust oversight. In doing so, we aim to make health insurance more affordable to more Americans.

SHEPHERDSTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Shepherdstown Fire Department, for over 200 years of service by trained volunteers.

As the oldest fire department in Jefferson County, West Virginia, Shepherdstown Fire Department has been a staple of the area for over two centuries. As early as 1793, when Shepherdstown was known as Mecklenburg, the town passed a tax levy to secure money with the purpose of purchasing a fire engine. In 1804, a year after the engine was purchased, the department's first fire house was built. Devoted firefighters have selflessly given their services to the community and have been shown tremendous support in return from their neighbors.

On Saturday, September 12, 2009, Shepherdstown Fire Department held a day long celebration for the public to enjoy. The department hosted several events commemorating this milestone. The events included the final placement of the department's original 1894 fire bell and a rededication of the fire department.

It is an honor to recognize the Shepherdstown Fire Department. Reaching the 200-year mark is an impressive accomplishment. It says wonderful things about West Virginia to have people like these volunteer firefighters.

STUDENT AID AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3221) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes:

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Chair, I rise to express my support for H.R. 3221, and to express my gratitude to Chairman MILLER for including in this bill a very important section to close gaps in college degree attainment and completion.

Section 783 of the bill, which provides for innovation in college access and completion national activities, authorizes the Secretary of Education to award grants to innovative programs that improve student outcomes for college bound students.

In 2007, only 27.8 percent of college freshmen, or roughly one-fourth, went on to complete their degrees. In the highly competitive 21st century, America can little afford to fall behind in the technology curve; today, China graduates eight times as many engineering students as us, and India five times more.

We have an abundance of bright students in this country, and by increasing the number of individuals with postsecondary degrees, any expenditure we make towards that end will be returned many times over as these graduates enter the work force and start contributing to

what is already the world's largest and most advanced economy.

In June, I introduced H.R. 3259, to establish grants for college success and completion. My bill, coauthored with Representative REICHERT, would encourage and help students from low-income and disadvantaged families attend college. This group of Americans represents the last great untapped source of American brainpower, as only 6 percent of them are expected to earn a bachelor's degree by age 24—seven and a half times smaller than the expected graduation rates of students from wealthy backgrounds.

I urge passage of H.R. 3221, and encourage my colleagues to continue investing in America's future by cosponsoring H.R. 3259.

RECOGNIZING FORTY & EIGHT, HOMOSASSA, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Forty & Eight organization. Throughout our Nation's history, we have turned time and again to our men and women in uniform; calling on them to preserve our freedom and uphold our democratic values. Time and again they have heeded the call and protected our Nation with honor and valor.

More than a million of our brave men and women have paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Joining the ranks of these heroes are the thousands who have been held as prisoners of war or whose fate has never been resolved. This loss was all the more difficult for their loved ones because it has never been determined whether they perished or survived.

However, their loved ones can take solace in knowing that their sacrifice was for a purpose, one that they were prepared to make. As President Reagan said on the 40th anniversary of D-Day, "You all knew that . . . one's country is worth dying for, and democracy is worth dying for . . . all of you loved liberty. All of you were willing to fight tyranny, and you knew the people of your countries were behind you".

Military families are the first line of support for our service men and women. They provide them the courage they need to march on in battle; and they fight for their legacy long after the battle has been won.

Organizations like Forty & Eight are part of the military family. Since 1920 they have worked tirelessly to insure that the legacies of our service members endure alongside the freedom that they fought so selflessly to defend.

On September 19th, Forty & Eight will come together in Citrus County to award a scholarship to the dependent of a known and verified POW or MIA. The scholarship is named in memory of Lance Corporal John Dewey Killen III, USMC. Lance Corporal Killen was declared missing in action while serving with the Third Reconnaissance Battalion in South Vietnam.

This scholarship is just one example of Forty & Eight's commitment to our veterans, both those who are still with us, those who have gone before us and those whose fate is still yet unknown.

I represent more veterans than any other Member of Congress. I am forever grateful to Forty & Eight, and organizations like them, for their continued commitment to our service men and women and their families.

TRIBUTE TO AL BALDOCK

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Al Baldock, a legendary college football coach from my district, who passed away on Monday, September 14, 2009, at the age of 79.

Coach Baldock was born in Holly, Texas on December 17, 1929. He attended college at the University of Southern California, where he played football for the Trojans from 1948–1950. During his football career at USC, Al was a teammate of future National Football League MVP, Frank Gifford. In an act of service that would prove to be a theme of his life, he took two years off from college to serve our country in the Army. He then returned to USC for his final year in 1953.

Al's career as a head coach began at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, California in 1959. Leading the football team at Allan Hancock College, Coach Baldock had future Oakland Raiders head coach John Madden as one of his assistant coaches. When John Madden was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2006, he credited Coach Baldock as one of the influences in his life. Coach Baldock was the head coach at Allan Hancock College until 1961. Coach Baldock continued to succeed as a head coach, first at the College of the Sequoias from 1962 to 1968 and then at Los Angeles City College from 1972 to 1974.

The majority of Coach Baldock's coaching career was spent at Taft College. He was the head football coach at Taft College from 1976 until 1993. Under his leadership, the Cougars won 15 conference championships, six state championships, six Potato Bowls and two national crowns. For his outstanding leadership, Coach Baldock was inducted into the Bob Elias Kern County Sports Hall of Fame in 1997, the California Community College Football Coach's Association Hall of Fame in 1999 and the California Junior College Hall of Fame in 2000.

Coach Baldock also helped to shape lives off the field as an instructor at Taft College for 28 years. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, daughter Erin, and grandsons Nathaniel and Jonathon. He was a fixture in Taft and will be missed by our community.

CELEBRATING RUTH D. HUNT'S 60TH BIRTHDAY AND INDUCTION INTO THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute and congratulate my dear friend Ruth

Hunt in celebration of her 60th Birthday and her induction into the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

On Saturday, September 19, and Sunday, September 20, friends, family and colleagues will gather at Gran Piatto d'Oro in Harlem and at Michael Anthony's in Newport Marina on the Hudson to salute and pay tribute to this remarkable African American woman of excellence.

In 1949, John and E. Patricia Hunt gave birth to their third child, Ruth at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, New York. She and her eight siblings grew up in the Albany Houses on Troy Avenue. Ruth received a public school education at Isaac Newton P.S. 83, John Marshall Jr. High School 210 and graduated from the High School of Fashion Industries in New York City. Ruth also attended and graduated from the Vogue School of Charm and Modeling in Brooklyn in 1967, and began a professional modeling career at 17 years old. She completed her higher education at Brooklyn College and at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) Manhattan.

Ruth was the first woman of color to model in the swimwear industry on Manhattan's 7th Avenue breaking barriers at Sirena Swimwear, Cole of California and Gottex of Israel. On the runway, Ms. Hunt modeled along with supermodels Naomi Simms and Iman. She was a Bill Blass model for both his Robes and Furs Collections. As a fashion expert, she was one of the first Fit models of color and since 1970; she has been represented by Model Service Agency. Ruth was the number one pick for JC Penney's Fit and has modeled for them over 20 years.

As a Fit model, she advises designers and technical teams of clothing manufacturers in the area of quality standards and fit, correcting pattern specifications to ensure the proper fit of imported and domestic garments before mass production. She has modeled for over 100 clothing Designers, and manufacturers including Essence by Mail and numerous fashion designer houses on 7th Avenue, including Calvin Klein and NYC's top department stores and industry trade shows.

Ruth Hunt joined and worked for the Jackie Robinson Foundation from its inception in 1977 and was privileged to be mentored by the illustrious Rachel Robinson. It was at the Foundation that Ruth learned the true meaning of service and humanity. Ruth developed and executed her skills in project management, where she coordinated special events and fund raisers, like the famous annual "Afternoon of Jazz" on the Jackie and Rachel Robinson estate in Stamford, Connecticut and the Jackie Robinson Foundation Awards Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City.

She continues to enjoy and cherishes the relationship with the Robinson family.

This experience propelled her into philanthropic efforts with the Doll League, Inc; Meharry Alumni; Women and AIDS Resource Network, American Cancer Society; American Lung Association, the Leukemia Society and Alvin Ailey Dance Company. All of these organizations have been beneficiaries of Ruth's time and expertise.

During her illustrious career, she also launched "Ruth Hunt Associates" and began a millinery business that travels the eastern seaboard and was featured in the Roanoke Times, Jersey Journal and the Tribute. Known as the "Hat Lady" in the tri-state area, Ruth

has been featured at numerous churches throughout Brooklyn, Queens, and Manhattan, including her very own Abyssinian Baptist Church, where she is a member.

Ms. Hunt is a certified Image Consultant, Beauty Advisor and Model Coach. Drawing from her early days as an instructor for the Vogue School of Charm and Modeling and throughout her career she has conducted workshops for numerous New York City organizations such as: Youth and Action; Young Unwed Mothers; Young Peoples Association; The New Muse; Jack and Jill of America; Girl Friends, Inc; The Delta's Youth; NYC Technical College; Zeta Amicae of Brooklyn; and Professional Re-employment and Outplacement Services.

Madam Speaker: Ruth D. Hunt is not only celebrating her 60th birthday and an illustrious career, but she is scheduled to be inducted into the Daughters of the Revolution this coming October. To become a member of this society, you have to prove your lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American Independence, and through her love of genealogy she was able to trace her heritage. One of the highlights of Ruth's quest for retracing her family history came in 1997 when Ruth gave her father a gift of life. She was able to find her father's long lost World War II son, Barry in Wales, England. The family now enjoys an international relationship from across the ocean and today, Ruth conducts genealogy workshops for the New York Coalition of One Hundred Black Women, Convent Baptist Church, Woodhull Medical Center and Bellevue Hospital Center.

Continuing in her commitment to service and humanity at the New York City Health & Hospital Corporation (HHC), Ruth served as Coordinating Manager in Public Affairs and then as the Director of Marketing and Community Outreach at both Woodhull Hospital Center and Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center. Ruth currently serves as the Assistant Director of Public Relations and Director of Community Affairs at the oldest public hospital in the country, Bellevue Medical Center. She has led the charge at Bellevue and helped raise over \$80,000 for the American Lung Association and the American Cancer Society.

Ruth also received KISS-FM's Phenomenal Woman Award. This honor stemmed from a live radio broadcast at Woodhull Medical Center for "Take Your Love One to the Doctor Day," which generated over 500 screenings. In addition, she supported the Borough President's "Take Your Man to the Doctor Day." To commemorate National Cancer Survivor's Day, at Woodhull, Ruth produced four of her well known, signature, hat fashion shows which included a luncheon.

Let us congratulate and salute this remarkable African American woman of excellence and distinction as we celebrate the 60th birthday and induction into the Daughters of the American Revolution of my dear friend Ruth D. Hunt.

TRIBUTE TO ALAN WAKEFIELD

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Alan Wakefield, a close